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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

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DEPT PASS ALL NATO CAPITALS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPAIN AND NATO

1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD ME LAST EVENING THAT HE HAD CALLED JULY 7 AT HIS INITIATIVE ON FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF EXPECTED VIOLENT SPANISH REACTION TO A MOTION ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY LAST WEEK BY BELGIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHICH CONDEMNED DICTATORSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY THAT IN SPAIN. AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGHT HE PERSUADED CORTINA THAT A VIOLENT SPANISH REACTION WOULD ONLY PLAY DIRECTLY INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE IN BELGIUM OPPOSED TO SPAIN. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION IN SPANISH PRESS OF BELGIAN PARLIAMENTARY MOTION.

2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AFTER DISCUSSING ABOVE SUBJECT, CORTINA THEN RAISED WITH HIM US-SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS AND GOS ATTITUDE TOWARD US FACILITIES IN SPAIN.

CORTINA HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH MANNER IN WHICH US HAD PRESENTED SPANISH QUESTION IN DPT AND SUMMIT LAST MAY, BUT HE HAD NOT ENLARGED ON THIS POINT. HE HAD THEN GONE ON TO TELL THE AMBASSADOR THAT IT WAS THE GOS
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VIEW THAT THE "DEFACTO ADVANTAGES WHICH NATO ENJOYS AS

THE RESULT OF US FACILITIES IN SPAIN MUST BE FORMALIZED
IN A LEGAL DOCUMENT". CORTINA INDICATED THAT IF THIS
DID NOT COME ABOUT, THEN THE US FACILITIES WOULD BE CON-
SIDERABLY REDUCED. HE TOLD THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT
IT WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF US AND NATO ALLIES TO DETERMINE
HOW BEST THIS FORMALIZATION COULD BROUGHT ABOUT.
FINALLY, CORTINA SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING EITHER CALLING
IN OTHER NATO AMBASSADORS IN MADRID OR INSTRUCTING HIS
AMBASSADORS IN NATO CAPITALS TO MAKE THESE SAME POINTS.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ALL NATO CAPITALS.

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